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NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD ELECTIONS?

REF: A) STATE 47574 B) YEREVAN 59

Classified By: CDA A.F. Godfrey for reasons 1.4 (b, d).

¶1. (C) We delivered reftel points regarding Ambassador Melvyn Levitsky's re-election to the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) March 27. Armenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs International Organizations Department Chief Valery Mkrtumyan told us that the GOAM would actively support Ambassador Levitsky's INCB candidacy in exchange for U.S. support of Armenia's candidacy for United Nations Human Rights Council. "We like reciprocity, it's a nice principle," Mkrtumyan said.

¶2. (C) When we noted that Mkrtumyan had previously indicated Armenia would vote with consensus on Ambassador Levitsky's candidacy (ref B), Mkrtumyan relented, commenting he would discuss our points, and Ambassador Levitsky's candidacy, with "colleagues" and provide a formal response by March 31.

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